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**DEFENDANT INDICTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT OF MONEY
FROM POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS**

Defendant had worked for the Tribal Court

Regina Lynn Stabler, a former employee of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, was indicted today by a Federal Grand Jury for embezzlement of money from the tribe. Stabler had worked as an employee of the Tribal Court until July of 2006. Embezzlement of money from an Indian tribal organization is a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1163. That charge carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in custody.

Agents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation initiated the investigation against Banjoko with the assistance of the Poarch Creek Tribal Police Department and presented the case for prosecution to the United States Attorney's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Daryl Atchison is handling the prosecution of the case on behalf of the United States.

An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until and unless he or she is proven guilty at trial.